IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Before the Examiner:

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Title: MONITORING THREAD USAGE : Amy J. Pattillo TO DYNAMICALLY CONTROL A : P.O. Box 161327 THREAD POOL : Austin. Tx 78716

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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450

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Applicants submit this amendment after allowance under 37 CFR 1.312, filed before or with the payment of the issue fee, and respectfully request entry of the amendment to cancel claims 6-15 and 17-18 and timely issue of the application with allowed claims 1-5 and 16.

Section 714.16 MPEP describes that the amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 of an application broadly encompasses any change in the file record of the application. Sections 714.16 and 714.16(d)(II) of the MPEP provide that for amendments which embody merely the cancellation of claims, the primary patent examiner has the authority to enter these amendments and can enter these amendments without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval.

Applicants submit this amendment after allowance canceling claims 6-15 and 17-18. Appendix A submitted herewith presents a listing of only the allowed claims after cancellation, listed as claims 1-5 and 16.

Applicants are not conceding in this application that claims 6-15 and 17-18 are not patentable and Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation applications.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 and timely issuance of a notice of allowance. No additional fee is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any additional fee is After Allowance – 37 CFR 1.312 1
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required, please charge it to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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